

# Title 250 – Financial Management

## Part 406 – Obligations

### 406.7 Examples of Typical Types of Business and Acceptable Evidence and Signature Authority

Type of Business	Authorized Signatory	Acceptable Evidence of Authority	Examples of Acceptable Signatures
Individual	Individual as applicant	Signature by person	<i>Joe Soilsaver</i>
	Other permitted individual or representative acting on behalf of applicant (including spouse)	Signed and attached to contract form NRCS-CPA-1202 with zero percent interest. NRCS-CPA-09 "Power of Attorney"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Joe Smith by Mary Smith</i></li> <li>• <i>Mary Smith for Joe Smith</i></li> <li>• <i>By Fred Forest, POA</i></li> <li>• <i>Fred Forest POA for Joe Smith</i></li> </ul>
General Partnership	Member of partnership who has been identified in the partnership agreement.	Partnership Agreement. Amended partnership agreement. NRCS-CPA-1202 Contract signed by all members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>By Joe Water, Partner</i></li> <li>• <i>W Farms by Joe Water</i></li> </ul>
	Other permitted individual or representative acting on behalf of member. (including spouse)	NRCS-CPA-09 POA signed by member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Joe Johnson, for W Farms</i></li> </ul>
Where the partnership agreement does not designate or restrict signature authority, NRCS may allow any partner to sign documents as permitted by your state law.			
Joint Venture (JV)	Member of partnership who has been identified in the JV agreement.	Joint Ventures <u>with</u> a EIN or Tax ID Number: Joint Venture Agreement. NRCS-CPA-1202 Contract signed by all members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sally Bird, Member</i></li> <li>• <i>By Larry Jones, POA for Wildwood Farms Joint Venture</i></li> </ul>
	Other permitted individual or representative acting on behalf of member.	NRCS-CPA-09 "Power of Attorney"  Joint Ventures <u>without</u> a EIN or Tax ID Number: Each member (or the Attorney-in-Fact) must sign for their individual interest or share. An agent for the JV, as authorized by a NRCS-CPA-09 Power of Attorney, may sign only for the JV's interests.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Sally Bird, Member</i></li> <li>• <i>Daniel Bird, Member</i></li> <li>• <i>Daniel Bird, Member</i></li> <li>• <i>Sally Bird by Daniel Bird</i></li> <li>• <i>Oak View Farms by Joe Johnson</i></li> <li>• <i>By Joe Bird, President</i></li> <li>• <i>By Joe Bird</i></li> </ul>
Corporation, Limited Partnership (LP) Limited Liability Company (LLC) Other Similar Legal Entities	Authorized Officer or Member	Corporate Charter, Bylaws, or Agreement Official Resolution by a Corporation's Board of Directors Official resolution by a Corporation's Board of Directors designating the authorized Agent. Court Orders of Appointment	
	Other permitted individual or representative acting on behalf of member.	Official resolution by a Corporation's Board of Directors designating the authorized Agent.	
Estate, Trust Conservatorship, Guardianship	Administrator Executor Trustee Guardian Receiver Conservator	Legal document signed or certified by an officer of the issuing court that the evidence is in full force and effect such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orders of Appointment</li> <li>• Court approved certificate or letter of administration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Estate of Jeffrey Pine by Stan Grassland, Administrator</i></li> <li>• <i>By Joe Grant, Trustee</i></li> </ul>
	Other permitted individual or representative acting on behalf of member.	Trust Agreement Last Will and Testament that established Trust. Similar documents approved by the USDA Office of General Counsel (OGC) on a case basis.  NRCS-CPA-09 "Power of Attorney" signed by an authorized individual of the entity.	<p>Note: For a bankruptcy or receivership, the signature authority must include the signatory's name, capacity, title, and the legal name of the bankrupt producer, entity or receivership.</p>

**For other business types or operations not listed, contact your local NRCS office for assistance.**

**Remember, if the signature is not authorized, your application or program benefits may be denied!**

**Information provided in this fact sheet does not supersede national operating procedures or regulations provided in 7 CFR § 718.**